

October Community Meeting Notes (10/19/2022)

This month's speaker: Amy Wilson (HOPE)

- “An instance of domestic abuse happens every three seconds...”
- West Virginia is ranked 16th in the nation for the rate of women murdered by men
- HOPE services 5 counties
 - Marion County has the domestic violence shelter
- Significance of the colors:
 - Teal: sexual assault awareness
 - Purple: domestic violence
- Wonderful gift assortment filled with statistics and goodies!

Questions:

- *Are the shelters in need of any supplies?*
 - HOPE is overloaded with toys and clothes at the moment, but is always in need of cellphones
- *How long are individuals allowed to remain in the shelter?*
 - The period is usually 30 days long, but some individuals have resided longer

Round Robin

Darlene Stuckey: Community Engagement for Unicare

- 3 insurances all under one company
 - Without selection, one of these options will be chosen for the individual
- Registration is very important to receive these services!
 - This can be done via phone or their website
- Consider contacting for resources like tissues, hygienic products, etc.

Wendy Niceler: The Health Plan

- Please remember that her position DOES NOT SOLICIT
 - Community outreach is her goal!
- 20 counties served
- Consider contacting for resources like tissues, hygienic products, etc.

Taylor Daughterty: Aetna Better Health of WV

- Works with foster families and kin-care
- She passed out her business cards!
- 21 counties served

Megan Connelly: Fairmont-Morgantown Housing Authority

- Works with residents to connect them with rental units

- Can accept referrals and directly help or can simply send lists to case managers
- She passed out her business cards!

Eric Morrison: Amedisys Hospice

- Serves 3 counties
 - Marion, Taylor, and Harrison County
- Comfort is key!
- New to the community meetings!

Pam Nolan: Early Head Start and Head Start

- Family Resource Coordinator
- Always taking applications

Amy Wilson: HOPE

- May or may not be holding a candlelight vigil at Fairmont State
 - If so, she will be sending out further information!

Richard Morris: Legal Aid WV

- Free consultation with an attorney, free representation
- Schedule for when he will be in the schools:
 - 1st Wednesday of the month: Monongah Elementary from 3-4
 - 2nd Wednesday of the month: East Park Elementary from 3-4
 - 3rd Wednesday of the month: Barrackville Elementary from 3-4

David Kirk: Times West Virginian Reporter

Rachel Keck-Hovermale: Fairmont-Morgantown Housing Authority

- Foreclosure counselor
- She handed out her business cards!

Mary Ellen Haney: Fairmont News

Stefanie Little: Community Resource Specialist for United Way

- 211 specialist
- Looking for funding available for individuals who are experiencing evictions
- Coat drive is going on right now!
 - Drop off bin is located in front of the office and throughout the community
 - Needing backpacks, flashlights, and gloves
 - Hygiene kits

- Events:
 - Pierpont trick or treat
 - Dancing with the Stars
 - Nov. 1: United Way Day

Diamond Brown: Dunbar STOP Foundation

- Community liaison
- Focus mainly on COVID vaccines and booster shots
 - They are working on receiving monkeypox shots
 - Services geared towards minorities, but not limited to
- Can go to people's houses to do testing!
- Halloween Soul Stroll event this Saturday at Windmill Park from 1-6

Regina Bruce: Community liaison

- Getting back into the flow of these meetings!

Tricia Maxwell: Marion County Board of Education

- Title IX, Healthy Gran Families, homelessness
- Healthy Gran Families: working with 10 families right now with about 25 grandchildren
- Fairmont (covers East and West) and Blackshere Elementary
- Resource fair at the end of the 8-week program

Courtney Ringstaff: WVU Center for Excellence and Disabilities

- Looking for sensory-friendly trunk or treat events
 - One will be held at the Neurodevelopmental Center on October 28th from 5:00-6:30

Andrea Lettrick: MVA Health Clinic

Rebecca Reed: Outreach Coordinator for First Choice Services

- Serves 19 counties
- Lots of flyers and help lines!
 - Both numbers are STILL active (the 1-800 as well the 988 number)
- Help with and can expedite Medicaid applications
- Nov. 17th: open enrollment event

Sherry Radcliffe: Rising Stars (Reset Inc.)

- Currently serving 30 kids (pre-k - highschool)

Cathy and Phil Reed: Greater Fairmont Council of Churches

- Communities of Shalom (meets the first Tuesday of the month)

Candy jar guess!

- Richard Morris: 412 **WINNER**

Trivia!

- *What is the name of the masked killer in the Halloween movie franchise?* **Michael Myers.** Rebecca Reed!
- *What is the most hated Halloween candy of all time?* **Candy corn.** Courtney Ringstaff!
- Which classic, spooky book contains the character Ichabod Crane? **The Legends of Sleepy Hollow.** Phil Reed!
- *What is the name of the Romanian region where Dracula's castle is located?* **Transylvania.** Sherry Radcliffe!

Some closing notes to remember/consider:

****Please be on the lookout for a virtual sign up sheet for our Friendsgiving in November! The FRN will provide the protein and drinks. We ask you to bring sides and/or desserts!****

****The FRN will discuss the option to sponsor families for Christmas Around the World and have an answer for the next meeting****

****Our first door knocking campaign event will be THIS Monday from 11:00-1:00. We will meet at our office (305 Washington St.) and leave from there! This will be the first of many opportunities. Please consider sharing our volunteer flyer, or even coming out to volunteer****

Contacts:

If you need to get in contact with us about services in demand in the area, please email Jan at mcfnrjs@gmail.com

If you have flyers or digital media you would like us to share, please email Tori at mcfnrvgsm@gmail.com

We hope to see you at our next meeting!